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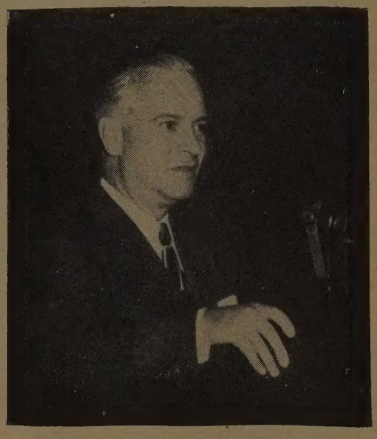
Greater St. Louis, Mo., Vacation Bible School statistics show an enrollment of 3,120 pupils, of whom more than 600 are classified as unchurched, instructed by 378 workers.

Two hundred and fifty priests in Venezuela, South America, according to a report in the *Converted Catholic*, have severed their connection with the Roman Catholic Church and have formed the independent "Venezuelan Apostolic Church." The clergy who have joined the movement are said to constitute almost one third of the priests in the country.

With the closing of the past choir season Miss Martha Voelz has completed forty-five years of continuous service in the choirs of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Menard and Iowa, Chicago, Ill. Her only absence during this time was made necessary by illness of relatives. She was honored at the final choir rehearsal of this year and was presented with a cake, flowers, and a solid gold cross. The Rev. Enno Gahl is her pastor, and Mr. Milton Eggers is her choir director.



Illinois Governor Dwight H. Green
who made a surprise visit to the Convention, complimented the Missouri Synod on its contribution to the development of good citizens through its educational system

Our Trailer Missions are meeting with a good response. Pastor Herbert Kern, Trailer Missionary for the Atlantic District, recently conducted a series of trailer meetings in the New York City area. The average attendance for each night was: at Elmhurst, 98; Jamaica, 116; Queens Village, 190; in spite of bad weather at almost half the meetings. In the audience were Jews, Catholics (especially young people), Baptists, Christian Scientists, Pentecostals, Salvation Army, Methodists, Presbyterians, and others.

Signal Hill Lutheran Church, Belleville, Ill., has entered upon a contract with the Belleville Broadcasting Company to broadcast the Sunday morning services, 10:30 to 11:30, over the new radio station WIBV. The small congregation of 218 communicants was organized in 1931 and subsidized as a mission by the Southern Illinois District until four years ago. Just recently the congregation acquired a parsonage at a cost of $12,000. The willing members of this small church seized the opportunity to broadcast the services at a cost of $38 per Sunday, feeling that it was a great mission opportunity in this Centennial year of our Synod. The Rev. Herman A. Etzold is pastor of the church, and the initial broadcast on July 13 coincided with the fifth anniversary of his pastorate there.

The "Manual de Instrucción Religiosa," a textbook prepared by the Roman hierarchy for use in the public schools of Argentina, according to a report by a South American correspondent of the *Christian Century* contains the following statement: "It is gross concubinage for a man and a woman to live together without receiving the sacrament of marriage. . . . The children of Christians who have been married only by the civil authorities are illegitimate. . . . Modern impiety does not wish God to reign in society, and to prevent it has invented two diabolical means: civil marriage and the public school without religious teaching." The Roman hierarchy has not yielded one whit of its arrogance. Let Protestants beware! In fairness, however, it should be stated that the same correspondent mentions the fact that President Perón has indicated that he may modify the new law which made Roman Catholic teaching a part of the curriculum of Argentina's public schools.

Dedication of New Service Building, Arcadia, Mich.
Dedicated June 15, this new building contains a large recreation room, the camp office, the Trading Post, and new quarters for the staff. Together with the Assembly and the Inn it provides adequate facilities for 300 campers at one time. The Wigwam was built as a special anniversary project of the Walther League for Arcadia's 25th season. All accommodations are booked for the summer
DELMAR STUDIOS

After pointing out that Christianity and modern education are at war, the Rev. Carroll E. Simcox, chaplain of St. Francis' House, Madison, Wis., in an interesting article in the *Living Church* discusses the problem how the Church can make its educational program more effective. His conclusion is: "In sum: we can bolster up our present program and machinery for Christian education all along the line — and we must; and we can strengthen our present college-work to many times its present range and effectiveness — and we must. But all this will not be enough to accomplish the revolution we seek. Nothing short of a full-scale Christian educational system, run by Christians and for the sole purpose of imparting the nurture of Christ to all the Church's children, will prove sufficient unto the day."

Mr. and Mrs. Tobias De Vries, charter members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Mr. and Mrs. Tobias De Vries

at Reinbeck, Iowa, had the privilege of observing the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. They have ten children, twenty-three grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. G. V. S.

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Editorial

Productive Life

The Propers for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity show a fine unity of thought. The Gospel of the cleansing of the lepers presents one who returned to thank the Lord for His healing. He manifested the fruits of a living faith. Our Lord's question: "Where are the nine?" stands as a solemn warning against receiving His mercy in vain. The Epistle therefore exhorts all Christians to "walk in the Spirit," to battle against the temptations that would shipwreck our faith. Our Lord expects the fruits of the Spirit. They are the evidence of a true and living faith. The keynote of all these fruits must be the note of thanksgiving (Gradual) for what He has done for us. To this will be coupled the desire to have communion with Him in worship. With the Psalmist, in the Introit, our souls should long for the courts of the Lord. For all this we need His divine help. So we pray in the Collect:

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

W. G. P.

Our Frontispiece

We pay front-page tribute in this issue to the parochial school. According to the figures submitted by our Board for Parish Education to the Convention in Chicago, our schools now number 1,224, staffed by 2,491 teachers. Much thought was given to the teacher shortage by the Convention, and strong resolutions were adopted encouraging the Board's plans for an all-out effort to build up the teaching force. An article in this issue is devoted to the teacher shortage.

The picture, with its well-dressed children, serious and scholarly teacher, its up-to-date furniture, its flag, its picture of the boy Christ, and display of art work makes it typical of the parish school of 1947. Besides, it is a fine, unposed action picture.

G.

Conservative but Progressive

One of the Associated Press reporters at the Press table in the Convention Hall confessed to a little confusion because he heard both the terms *progressive* and *conservative* applied to this Convention of the Missouri Synod. "Usually," he remarked, "one of these terms is understood to exclude the other." While some elections were going on, we had time to give the reporter our interpretation of the two terms as illustrated by the way the Convention was going, and as it seemed to satisfy the non-Lutheran visitor, our illustration of a "progressive-conservative" Church may be worth putting into writing here.

The term "progressive" would apply to a Church which is ready to accept new methods and modern devices in order to do its work. A Church willing to improve its setup and to strengthen its organization by creating new agencies for its teaching and missionary program. It would be a simple matter to point out the resolutions of the meeting at Chicago which illustrate this willingness to adjust, to improve, and to experiment. One need only refer to the introduction of the full college requirement for entrance to Concordia Seminary, the encouragement given to the creation of new offices both for Synod and for the Districts. The emphasis given to expansion in all the mission fields. We would note under this head also the highly important resolution authorizing the Emergency Planning Council to "continue to strengthen and support also other confessional Lutheran groups in Europe which are not associated with our Synod," also a related proposal to "enter upon an aggressive and purposeful missionary program in European lands," and once more —

That the Missouri Synod offer, in agreement with its principles, its full co-operation and support to all groups and churches at home and abroad confessing the Lutheran faith, and that our Synod declare its willingness to exert its influence to the fullest possible extent to uphold and strengthen all true Lutheran elements, and to that end empower the Praesidium to take appropriate action.

On the other hand, conservatism in doctrine and church practice was not only stressed in general resolutions but was illustrated by the determination not to give the appearance of a Church that changes its doctrinal position from one triennium to the next. Synod gave its final answer to those who found "doctrinal error" and "false teaching" in the doctrinal union basis adopted in 1938. No part of that basis was rescinded. It re-affirmed its position on prayer fellowship as announced in 1935 and 1944, and also its position on Boy Scouts (1944). Church bodies (like our Australian sister synod) and pastoral conferences which have accepted these standards in good faith and have acted accordingly, were not "let down." Both the confessional principle as a standard of teaching and doctrinal positions taken in agreement with those standards have not been modified or rescinded in any sense. The Synod made clear its purpose to continue its work as a Church that stands by its allegiance to the truth and to its doctrinal commitments.

G.

Synod Goes to School

Conservatism has been acquiring a bad name because it has been found to be identical with a hide-bound, fanatical, literalist attitude towards church work, coupled with unwillingness to face new situations or to restudy the application of old truths to present issues. To our knowledge, the Chicago Convention declared itself as satisfied that saturation had been reached in *one* problem that had bothered it in recent decades — the Chinese Term Question, by which is meant the argument about the exact Chinese name for the Supreme Being to be used in our mission. The books were closed on that issue. But even a superficial reading of the minutes will disclose the willingness of the Missouri Synod to continue investigation, research, study, in order to arrive at the best possible solution of practical questions involving the doctrinal position of our Church. A committee will be appointed to continue the study of what is involved in joining the National Lutheran Council. A number of questions related to ministerial education are to be given "close and intensive study." The same action was taken regarding a policy announcing our position on "religious education in State-supported agencies." Points raised by the Chicago Statement of 1945 are to be submitted to pastors and congregations with material "for the Scriptural study of the questions at issue." The entire problem of Lutheran unity is to receive "thorough and prayerful study, for the purpose of achieving greater clarity in our own midst." While reaffirming the Saginaw resolutions on prayer fellowship, there is to be "further study of this subject by our congregations."

Far from being evidence of weakness or indecision, these resolutions are proof of that respect for the Word of God which refuses to accept any opinion unless it has been subjected fully to the texts supplied by the Bible — the Book that HAS ALL THE ANSWERS.

We are still on the alert for good slogans to characterize our Church in its second century. There is none better than one suggested in a passing remark of Pastor Louis Nuechterlein of St. Joseph, Mich. He took us aside one noon hour with the remark "I've got something to tell you," and this is what he said: "You don't seem to be worried about this Convention, and I'm not worried. We don't know whether He will come soon or late, but we know, when He will come, *He will find the Missouri Synod studying.*" G.

From Dr. Behnken's Centennial Address at Soldier Field, Chicago, July 27, 1947

God has given much to our Church. We cannot stress it too often nor too much that the Lord has granted unto us the precious heritage of pure Biblical doctrine. The founding fathers of our Synod were staunch, sturdy men. They were made of stern stuff, very solid in their convictions. God had permitted them to pass through trials and controversies. These drove them ever deeper into the study of God's Word. The result was the organization of a strict, confessional church body. Only such as were in full agreement with God's Word, only such as accepted the Bible as the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, only such as subscribed without reservation to the Lutheran Confessions as the correct exposition of God's Word, were accepted into membership. The founding fathers were ruggedly firm in their adherence to God's Word.

This blessed heritage which the Lord bestowed upon our fathers is ours today. It has been given unto us. We enjoy it in a marked degree. We have by no means earned it, nor are we worthy of it. We must ascribe everything to God's grace. In a spirit of deep humility, confessing our many sins and transgressions, our apathy and indifference, and our lack of appreciation, we plead for forgiveness and acknowledge that the Lord has been exceptionally gracious to our beloved Synod. * * *

God has given us much. We have a Church which recognizes the sovereignty of the Christian congregation. This is something altogether unique. Only under God's guidance could our founding fathers have gained the conviction that the Christian congregation is sovereign. They did not bring the pattern of such a congregation with them from Europe. In their homeland they were accustomed to a consistorial church government, which in its final analysis meant state control. Nor did the founding fathers follow the pattern of the democratic principles of our American government. There were those who accused them of this and ridiculed them for it. Some predicted that such a church organization would result in mob rule and hence would be doomed to speedy failure. However, not only has this truly democratic form of church government been preserved, but others have recognized it as the Biblical ideal. On the occasion of our Centennial we should restudy this marvelous blessing which God has granted us and thank Him for it from the depths of our souls.

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Unquestionably one of God's greatest requirements is that our Church remain unreservedly loyal to His precious Word. * * *

The Lord has given the heritage of pure doctrine not to be squandered, but to be kept, not to be neglected, but to be preserved, not to be silenced, but to be preached. We must not permit the poisonous spirit of our day to infect us. Doctrine is God's Word. It is divine truth. There must not be any deviation from it. There dare not be any compromise of it. May God grant us the grace to keep awake and to watch constantly!

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Indifference in doctrine spells disaster in the Church. It permits the destructive work of the burrowing mole and the hidden devastation of the termite in the temple. As we stand upon the threshold of a new century with all earnestness of purpose and with all sincerity of action, let us promise God anew that we shall remain unflinchingly loyal to God's Word. That is the greatest need throughout the world today. That is the greatest service which we may render Christendom. That is the most challenging obligation which our Synod faces today. * * *

The great program of personal evangelism, of reaching out unto others, certainly must receive full attention in all our congregations. The Gospel of the Redeemer

Dr. Behnken Speaking at Soldier Field, and a Glimpse of the 60,000

"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us or forsake us." This was the prayer of the thousands who entered through the gates of Solder Field to receive from the example of the fathers incentives to build Christ's kingdom

must be proclaimed unto men. The love of Jesus must be told. God requires it of us.

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We should pledge ourselves anew to more consecrated efforts to carry the message of the Cross to the teeming millions in India, China, Africa, and the isles of the sea. With the beginning of a new century we should enter upon a program of energetic mission work, invade benighted countries, storm the citadels of unbelief, and bring sin-lost souls to the Cross of the Redeemer. * * *

Two years have elapsed since hostilities ceased, and still there is no peace, only hatred and bitterness, agony and suffering, distress and turmoil. Into that kind of a world God has placed us and blessed us so abundantly. He has done this for a purpose. You and I must lend a sympathetic ear to the world's never-ending plea for help. On this glorious occasion we should pledge ourselves anew to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bring spiritual aid to the despairing, in short, wholeheartedly to support our Church's program of physical and spiritual relief.

I Must Work!

Morning and afternoon and night —
Time runs along
Swiftly 'twixt dawning of the light
And evensong.

Today, Lord, let me do Thy work;
'Tis all I ask.
The night comes on, let me not shirk
My present task.

Springtime and summertime and fall,
Then winter's here;
It is but in a trice we'll call
This yesteryear.

Then let me sow good seed, dear Lord,
In time of spring,
And let the fall, as a reward,
Rich harvest bring.

Youth, middle age, three score and ten,
And life is past.
I pray, dear Lord, say to me then:
"Well done," at last.

1947 K. KRETZMANN

"He Knows the Way"

Job 23:10. "But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

The way ahead for me looks dark;
I cannot see the way to go;
What lies ahead I do not know;
Imagining brings visions stark.

When future prospects make me quake,
A comfort true it is to know
With trust of Job of long ago,
"He knoweth well the way I take."

My God, so faithful, loving, kind,
Knows well the way He leads me now;
Unto His all-wise will I'll bow;
No fear shall e'er disturb my mind.

By faith I trust with Job of old
That when I have been wisely tried,
With every need by God supplied,
I shall at last come forth as gold.

San Antonio, Tex. NORMAN V. ABBOTT

Processional of Convention Delegates at Centennial Celebration, Soldier Field

BIELENBERG PHOTO

We Enter a Second Century of Missions

By F. C. STREUFERT, Secretary of Missions

I

The greatest century of missionary expansion since the days of the Reformation has come to a close. Our Church has had its share in this Sowing of the Seed. We reviewed a century of mission work during the inspiring Centennial Convention of our Church. The Word of the Lord was not bound. Glorious things the Lord wrought during the past one hundred years. The Church marched on. Our missionaries sped their way to every State of our Union, to five provinces of Canada, to Alaska, to Mexico, to the West Indies, to the Canal Zone and Panama, to Central and South America, to the Isles of the Pacific, to China and India. They have gone forth to Africa and retraced their steps back to the cradle of the Reformation in Europe. The deaf were privileged to hear of the way of life and the blind to be led to Christ. But while all of our synodical missions suffered more or less during the past war and its dreadful consequences, *Home Missions* have marched forward unhindered.

Home Missions

To take care of the ever-increasing synodical mission activities, Pastors Herman A. Mayer and H. W. Gockel were appointed assistants to the secretary of missions.

A new impetus was given to *personal* evangelism. An aggressive mission-expansion program to reach out to the unchurched was ushered in by the Board of Home Missions, beginning with the notable missionary conference held in February, 1945, in Detroit, Mich. — a program which quickly reached down to every District, circuit, congregation, and home. Conservatively estimated, 30,000 adults were gained or regained through this effort in 1946. Vacation Bible schools were established for thousands of children and preaching missions to reach the unchurched adults. Trailer missions brought the Gospel to many that could not be induced to hear the saving truths in our churches. The green signal was given at Chicago for the energetic pursuit of these endeavors.

Wholehearted co-operation and support of every synodical organization and of every agency within every parish in Synod is needed to carry out this far-reaching and important program.

One Board for the Americas

One Board of Home Missions will hereafter serve both North and South America. Served by one Board of North and South American Missions, the Argentine and Brazilian Districts will stand shoulder to shoulder with the North American Districts. Being with them on the same basis, having the same interests and objectives, they will gradually advance toward the goal of becoming self-governing and eventually self-supporting Districts.

South America

The turning point and crisis has come in the development of our South American missions. For forty-seven years we supplied the pastors and missionaries and supported them. More than 150 were sent to the South American fields. The last North America-trained pastor came to Brazil in 1938. Two came to Argentina in 1946.

During the war, transportation to the South American fields was impossible. Adverse laws were enacted in Brazil. Foreigners were not permitted to come to Brazil to serve as pastors and missionaries. The German language was banned. Argentina experienced no restrictions of this kind. In 1946, 77 per cent of the pastors and professors active in our Brazilian mission field were men born in Brazil and trained in our seminary at Porto Alegre. Though more than 100 North America-trained men were sent to Brazil, only six are at the present time in this field. Forty pastors and professors were sent to Argentina. Today we have fifteen North America-trained men, one from Europe, and four trained in Brazil in the Argentina mission field.

The Need of Laborers

Shortage of manpower in Brazil. There are fifteen vacancies in Brazil. And the mother Church cannot help them. We have but very few German-speaking graduates in our North American theological seminaries. The knowledge of the German language is still essential in the work of our Church in Brazil even though Portuguese is the language of the country and of the youth of our Church. To acquire and to speak the Portuguese language fluently takes a number of years of training. Should our Church develop in South America, it is urgent that our South American churches intensify their efforts and train their own pastors and missionaries and thus supply their needs. Fine progress was made in the past few years. Thirty-two new students were enrolled at the opening of the new school year (in March) in Porto Alegre. The total enrollment has reached the number of ninety-nine. Progress was also reported at our schools in Argentina. The enrollment at Crespo, where the young men receive their pretheological training, has increased to eighteen. Crespo was granted the privilege to have co-education. The new theological seminary at Ballester, a suburb of Buenos Aires, is nearing completion. Fifteen students are here enrolled. The new addition to the seminary at Porto Alegre is well under way. Our churches in Brazil and Argentina will soon be able to supply a sufficient number of pastors and teachers to take care of their needs.

The training of a native ministry is in keeping with the nationalization program that has also swept the South American countries. The mother Church, however, must continue its support until the churches will be able to take care of their own needs.

Help for East-European Lutherans

One of the most moving pleas for help to reach the Emergency Planning Council in recent months is that of the Lutherans displaced from Bessarabia and Dobrudja.

A century ago, curiously parallel to the colonies establishing the Missouri Synod, a number of Lutherans from Wuerttemberg and Bavaria emigrated to the easternmost province of Europe in order to achieve freedom of religious teaching. In the course of the century this settlement developed into a group of a hundred thousand people, which after the first World War became subject to Rumania. In 1940 this group was displaced by the Russian government and housed in camps in Germany. In 1945 it was dispersed westward through the British and American zones. And this group is now suffering unusual difficulties. Being German, these expellees have enjoyed not even average meager provision for displaced persons. They are, though German, destitute strangers.

The Bessarabian group consists chiefly of highly experienced farmers and stock raisers, who had developed mechanized farming and co-operative marketing to a high degree. Their horses, cattle, and caracul sheep were world famous.

Efforts are under way to begin aid to this group, which appears to be in a stage of remarkable spiritual fellowship with our own. Long-range plans include possible emigration to Canada, Brazil, and the Argentine. Little can be done in the United States as long as present policies obtain. Meantime the Emergency Planning Council places also these worthy and pitiable brethren close to the heart of the members of our Church.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER

"Fear Not"

LUKE 8:50

"Fear not!" the Savior calls to thee,
Dear Christian, in thy misery;
Wait on the Lord, only believe,
And thou shalt timely help receive.

Endure affliction's smart until
The Lord thy throbbing pain shall still;
Though seeming long thy season's grief,
He surely comes to bring relief.

As morning banishes the night,
So He thy steps shall lead aright
Through darkness to the light of day,
And drive thy brooding fears away.

Remember, they who sow in tears,
As on they journey through the years,
Shall reap in endless joy above,
Where faith victorious yields to love.

No stranger to the grace of God
Is he who feels the chastening rod;
God smites our faith as gold to try,
He visits but to purify.

Ordained by His most gracious will
Is every stroke, each pang of ill;
Though weeping be thy daily food,
All things together work for good.

There is no awful turn of fate
That can from God's love separate
The saint foreknown by saving grace
To see the vision of His face.

A. C. MUELLER

The Lutheran Teaching Profession as a Career

By WM. A. KRAMER, Assistant Secretary of Schools

Lutheran young men and young women considering the choice of a profession or occupation should not overlook the possibility of preparing for teaching in Lutheran schools. It is understood that a Christian seeks an occupation in which he can render service to God and man. Such service can be rendered in any honest and useful occupation. But Christian teaching provides opportunities for service which cannot be matched in any other calling except that of the Christian pastor. With these opportunities for service, teaching takes on an importance which cannot be emphasized enough. And it brings satisfactions to the consecrated teacher which can hardly be achieved in any other calling. What is it that makes teaching so enticing to thousands of consecrated people in our own Synod and in other Christian church bodies? A partial answer is provided in the following:

1. True greatness consists in using one's gifts in serving the temporal and spiritual welfare of others. "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister" (Matthew 20:26). Teaching offers an opportunity for greatness through unselfish service.

2. "We could get along without a good many civic and social services now considered necessary, but not without teaching. All constructive teaching is a great service to humanity, but teaching in a Christian school is in a class by itself. Nothing by way of compensation can compare with the satisfaction of teaching children the way to salvation. The individual, the home, the Church, and the nation need Christian instruction more than anything else." (*Lutheran School Journal*, February, 1943.)

3. Anyone who helps others grow in the knowledge of Christian doctrine, who helps train them to live and walk as Christians, who encourages them in worship and church attendance, and, in general, helps to keep them on the way of eternal life is performing a service with which no other can compare. When Jesus says in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," He implies that those who help others to find the Kingdom of God are performing a service which is greater than any other.

4. The influence of teachers is not confined to the classroom, for Lutheran teachers find opportunities to serve the congregation and community in important projects outside teaching: music, neighborhood mission work, part-time agencies of Christian education, youth work, Bible classes, and the like. Moreover, it often happens that through the instruction of one child an entire family is won for the Kingdom of God.

5. The Christian teacher enjoys the confidence and respect of Christian parents and children. The parents tell him in effect: "Here are our children, our dearest possessions. We entrust them to you for a great part of each day. Take them, and to the best of your ability teach them useful knowledge, train and guide them to become good Christians, so that they may serve God and man, and so that they may become good church members and good citizens. Help us to prepare them for their life on earth and for life in heaven."

6. Though at times it may seem that the work of the teacher is not appreciated, Christian parents and Christian congregations do appreciate the teacher's faithful work. No gratitude is greater than that of Christian parents toward those who have helped their children grow into stalwart Christian men and women. And no gratitude is greater than that of Christian children who have been led in their Christian growth by Christian teachers. If this appreciation is not always evident on the surface, it is there in much greater measure than is generally recognized. But of far greater importance than the appreciation of parents and children is the approval of God which will come to the faithful teacher in the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

7. For those who love children there is nothing greater than to watch their growth and development, to study the psychology of their behavior, to lead them on to ever greater accomplishments, and to see them grow to physical, emotional, and spiritual maturity.

8. The teacher's life is an interesting and profitable life from many angles. The teacher is daily engaged in the study of the Word of God and books in general, he studies people and nature, and these are the sources from which knowledge comes. Because of his calling a teacher must interest himself in many tasks, and these wide interests add zest and meaning to life.

9. The work of teaching is hard, to be sure, but the Lord gives strength for every task and especially for such a blessed task as leading children and young people to an increasing knowledge and faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29, 31).

10. Though teachers cannot expect to get rich in their calling, most congregations are fair and care for their teachers' temporal needs. Synod also has a Pension Plan which will provide a modest retirement income for those who remain faithful to their calling. But these considerations must be subordinated to the great cause of feeding souls which are worth more than anything else in the world. (Matthew 16:26.)

An Appeal

Many a congregation in past years has been disappointed in not being able to secure a properly trained teacher when needed, and more than one prospective new school failed to open for the same reason. In a church body like ours there should always be enough consecrated young people willing to devote themselves to the teaching of the Word of God in the schools which mean so much for the strengthening of Christian faith and life, for the building of a strong Church, and for the moral well-being of the nation.

In view of these facts, should not Lutheran young people enter the teaching profession in numbers sufficient to supply the present need for teachers and to make possible an expansion of our Lutheran elementary and high schools which is long overdue?

Prayer for Sunday School Teachers

Jesus, dearest Savior,
Help us all to know
The truths of Thy salvation,
And give us faith to go
To Thee alone for pardon,
For comfort, and for peace,
For everlasting glory,
When life on earth shall cease.

Help us to tell to others —
Thy lambs within our care —
How Thou hast died to save them,
That they in heaven may share
The fruits of Thy redemption
Through faith alone in Thee:
To be thy children always
And live eternally. Amen

ROBERT W. HELBERG

The Vacation Bible School at Hyattsville, Md. conducted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier, Md., had an enrollment of 308 children, 175 of which had no connection with our Church. They met in the congregation's recently completed $100,000 school and received instruction from twenty-five teachers. Trinity Congregation started from scratch in 1934, but today numbers over 1,000 souls, including its affiliated missions at Landover Hills, Md., and Greenbelt, Md. Concordia Publishing House materials for vacation Bible schools, in the opinion of the pastor, the Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow, have proved to be most excellent. He regards this type of school as the greatest reaching agency in the Church

International Walther League Meets at Buffalo

By ALFRED P. KLAUSLER

The 55th Convention of the Walther League met at Buffalo, N.Y., July 7—11, as the guests of the Pioneer District. Approximately one thousand delegates and visitors attended the various sessions, services, concerts, and other features of the convention.

Otto Theiss
Exec. Secretary

Business sessions of the convention were held in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Statler. In his opening address President William B. Zeiter pointed out that the far-reaching benefits of the Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools are difficult to measure, but "we know by personal testimony of those who attend that there is a real benefit in these schools for the Walther League and for the Church."

The Walther League's Executive Secretary, Prof. O. H. Theiss, discussed the development of the Program Chart. He stated that the Program Chart suggests a renewed emphasis on a youth program which is wholly integrated in Christ. "All that we plan and do together is an opportunity for growing up unto Christ," Professor Theiss said. This new chart and the accompanying Walther League Manual will make clear many of the features of the reorganization of the Walther League program.

A detailed report on the Wheat Ridge Foundation was presented by various men closely connected with Wheat Ridge. Henry Buck, chairman of the Walther League's executive board, reviewed the history of the Wheat Ridge Foundation. Martin Meier, business manager of the Wheat Ridge Sanatorium, reported that the sanatorium is operating on a budget of $185,000 this year.

The Walther League also resolved to continue to support the Emergency Planning Council's Adopt-a-Family program. In addition the convention urged societies to adopt groups of young people within war-stricken congregations.

The campaign to collect funds for the third floor of the Youth Building in Chicago has passed the halfway mark. Efforts will be continued to reach the goal of 100,000 subscribers to the *Walther League Messenger*.

Walther Leaguers were told by Dr. Th. Graebner, editor of the *Bible Student*, how to develop an increasing interest in the study of God's Word. Dr. Graebner demonstrated how the use of the *Bible Student* would help the Bible reader to delve deeper into the treasure chest of the Bible.

One of the more popular features of the convention was the series of Learn-by-Doing sessions, held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. At these sessions Walther Leaguers were given an opportunity to engage in serious study on particular items which would be of interest to them in their local societies and in their personal lives. Learn-by-Doing sessions were conducted on Worship, Bible Study, Community Singing, Group Discussion, Society Publication, and Recreation.

The Choral Union concert was held in spacious Kleinhans Hall. Some 2,000 people attended and remained to applaud the chorus and its director, Gerhard Schroth, for a brilliant and deeply devout performance of the great Church music which is a part of the Lutheran heritage. The Talent Festival, held Wednesday afternoon of the convention, attracted a large number of entrants in almost every field of endeavor. On Tuesday afternoon the Walther Leaguers went to Niagara Falls via two special New York Central trains. For almost eight hours over 1,200 Walther Leaguers roamed around the Niagara Falls area.

A pilgrimage was made to Trinity Lutheran Church, birthplace of the Walther League in 1893. Hundreds of leaguers pored over the old minute books and photographs which recorded the formation of this unique Lutheran youth organization.

Matins were held every morning at eight o'clock. The attendance averaged well over seven hundred at each service, an eloquent testimony to the religious devotion of the delegates. Nor dare the evening Vespers be omitted in any account of the convention. Despite the late hour each evening the Vespers attracted packed congregations to the Grand Ballroom of the Statler. The speaker was Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, while at Matins Prof. O. H. Theiss offered the meditation for the day. The Fellowship Banquet on Thursday evening attracted well over 1,200 guests. For the first time in the Walther League's history the banquet had to be divided into two sections. Two toastmasters (S. J. Roth and Henry Buck) kept the banquet functioning smoothly. E. J. Gallmeyer, member of the Missouri Synod's Board of Directors, gave the inspirational address.

The 1948 International convention is scheduled to meet in Portland, Oreg., while in 1949 the Walther League will meet in Houston, Tex.

L. W. M. L. Convention Notes

The total attendance at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's convention at Chicago for both days was well over 2,000.

210 delegates and 46 officers were registered. They came from 34 different States. Every district of the 29 was represented. Central District led, with 25 delegates attending. The delegates from one far western district paid their own expenses because they were so eager to attend and their district did not feel able to send them.

175 visitors from out of town requested hotel reservations. Many others came for one day only. The women of our own Northern Illinois turned out in great numbers to help establish attendance records that will be hard to beat in succeeding conventions.

The executive board met on the day previous to the convention. It was interesting and thrilling to meet these ladies, all leaders in League work in their own districts, and to observe how seriously and earnestly and prayerfully they went about the organization's business. A splendid group of women, our Church may well be proud of them. Indeed, we may be proud of all our women, delegates and visitors also. We noted over and over again how interested these women were in the work of their Church, how intelligently they discussed its affairs, how sincere in their desire to do what they thought right and best, and, above all, what devout Christians they were.

I was unable to attend sessions, being too busy with housing and registrations; so I leave the report of what was discussed and accomplished to someone qualified for that task.* However, I should like to say this: Our organization, although the youngest (it was organized in 1943), is by far the largest in Synod. During the first 100 years of our Church's history we women have worked as individuals. Now, however, in only four years of organization we have become the largest group. We include women in all walks of life, mothers, housewives, business women, church and Sunday school workers, we invite and welcome them all. What a power for good we can be, and what wonderful assistance we can offer to our pastors and leaders. Our League has already given thousands of dollars for mission work all over the world and will continue in ever-growing measure in this important work of the Church. But more than that, our League is a training school for women in leadership in the Church. With God's blessing, and under the supervision of our pastors, we can encourage and help our women to develop their God-given talents in working for their Church and for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world. God bless our League abundantly, give us humble, consecrated leaders, devoted, Christlike workers!

Chicago, Ill. MRS. H. BLOEDEL

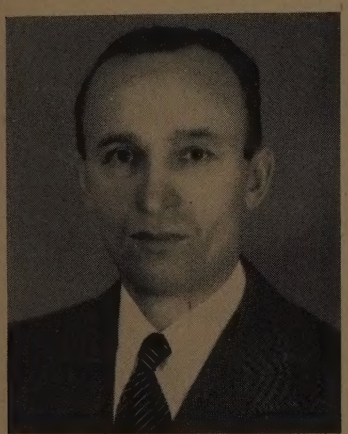
* See our issue of Aug. 12, p. 270.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES and SCHOOLS

Honored by Springfield Concordia

The Rev. Andrew Daniel, oldest of nine children of Andrew Daniel and his wife, Anna, nee Mihok, was born in Obyšovce, Czechoslovakia, March 12, 1891. At the age of four he came to the United States with his parents, spent his boyhood in Garfield, N. J., where he attended public and church schools.

He is a graduate of the 1914 class at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. On July 5, 1914, he was ordained and installed as pastor of The First Slovak Ev. Luth. Church of Detroit. He has this year completed his thirty-third



The Rev. Andrew Daniel, D. D.

year of uninterrupted service in this congregation.

During the years of his ministry in Detroit, Pastor Daniel has served mission stations in Ohio, Indiana, and Ontario. From 1919 to the present day he has served the Slovak Ev. Luth. Church in various official capacities. For twenty-two years, to 1941, he was manager of the Church's Publication Department. From 1935 to 1939 he served as President of the Central District. Since 1939 he has been serving as President of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church. He has served as chairman of the Evangelical Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Greater Detroit from 1940 to 1944 and as a Vice-President of the Synodical Conference since 1944.

In 1918 Rev. Daniel was married to Miss Anna E. Pelikan of Pleasant City, Ohio. They have four children: Theodore, who is pastor in Minneapolis; Thomas, 1946 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, recently returned from a year of postgraduate work at the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Bratislava, Czechoslovakia; daughters Ruth Anna and Sylvia Emilia.

On June 7 of this year his alma mater, Concordia Seminary of Springfield, Ill., conferred upon Rev. Daniel the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Alexander Heidel

Among interested visitors at the Chicago Convention was Dr. A. Heidel of the University of Chicago. Alexander Heidel was born Jan. 30, 1907, in our oldest congregation in Argentina. In 1922 he enrolled at our Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre, Brazil, being among the first group of Argentinian students to study in Brazil. Upon the completion of his college education and part of his theological training he entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he received the B. D. degree in 1929 and the S. T. M. degree in 1930. During the next two scholastic years he served as assistant professor at Concordia College, Austin, Texas., teaching Latin, Greek, German, and Spanish. In 1932 he entered the University of Chicago and four years later received the Ph. D. degree in Semitics. As a member of the Assyrian Dictionary staff of the University of Chicago he has for the past decade worked on cuneiform texts that have a direct bearing on the Old Testament. He has lectured at colleges and universities, at seminaries and pastors' institutes, and has written, among other things, *The Babylonian Genesis* and, quite recently, *The Gilgamesh Epic and Old Testament Parallels.* Concerning the former book, G. R. Driver, a son of the well-known Old Testament critic and exegete and himself a distinguished Oriental scholar, has stated that it "ought to be in the hands of all students of the subject." Dr. Heidel's name appears in the *Directory of American Scholars.* Despite his years of association with modern scholarship he accepts the Bible as the infallible Word of God, given by inspiration. Pastors will want to have *The Gilgamesh Epic,* price, $3.50, for its wealth of references to the Old Testament doctrines of the hereafter, the resurrection, and the judgment, and to the Babylonian story of the Flood. G.

Dr. Alexander Heidel

School News from Little Rock, Ark.

First Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Ark., dates its origin back to December, 1868, when the congregation was organized. It is our Synod's oldest church in the city. Years ago it maintained a Christian day school which, however, became defunct in 1919. A new effort to revive the school was made in the fall of 1943. Mr. E. C. Gutz had answered a call issued him by the congregation in 1942 to serve as director of religious education and music in the church. After spending a year in this capacity, he reopened the congregation's Christian day school in the fall of 1943. Fourteen pupils in three grades enrolled. Since then one grade has been added each year so that the school now has six grades. In the fall of 1945 a kindergarten was added. Mr. Gutz, who teaches Grades 3—6, is now

Golden Anniversary of 1897 Confirmation Class, Bethlehem Church, Milwaukee

The inspiration for this reunion came from Mrs. Emma Wehle Rohde, who came from Cohocton, N. Y. Others attended from Saskatchewan, Canada, and Missouri. Out of a class of 57 a total of 24 were able to attend July 6

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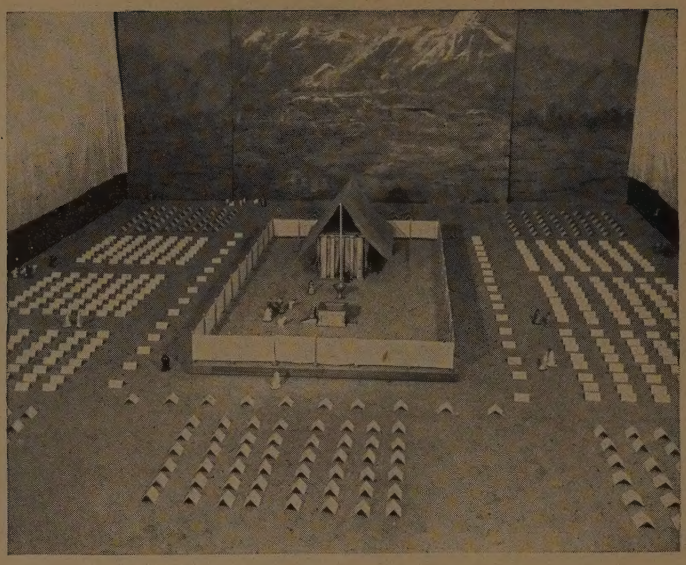

Scale Model of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness

assisted by two lady teachers: Miss Elda Elbert, in Grades 1 and 2, and Miss Lois Runge, who teaches the kindergarten and in the afternoon does remedial teaching in the grades. The congregation has resolved to call an additional male teacher in the fall if at all possible. The goal is to have seven grades in addition to the kindergarten during the next term, distributed in three rooms. Ultimately the congregation is looking towards having a school with nine grades.

Recently the congregation purchased a large residence adjoining the Christian Educational Building, intended primarily to provide quarters for the six postconfirmation Bible classes.

Just recently thirty pupils, age eight to ten, in the third to the sixth grades of the school, as part of the handiwork program, re-assembled a scale model of the tabernacle constructed by members of the local Walther League under the guidance of Mr. Gutz several years ago, and added many features to the original exhibit, especially the tents surrounding the sacred enclosure.

To simulate the desert region, the children covered a section of floor approximately fifteen feet wide with sand. The area occupied by the sanctuary is about eight feet long and four feet wide. Every item, from the poles supporting the curtains around the sacred area down to Aaron's rod and the pieces of manna in the ark, was fashioned in painstaking manner.

The magazine section of the *Arkansas Democrat* of February 9 carried a detailed description by a special staff writer, Mrs. Roberta Martin. She herself is not a Lutheran, but her child attends First Lutheran Christian Day School.

RUDOLPH PRANGE

Little Rock, Ark.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan Observes Silver Jubilee

Twenty-five years ago — on July 13, 1922, to be exact — the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District was called into being when 32 voting and eight advisory pastors and 23 official lay delegates met in convention for the first time at MacNutt, Sask.

The 25th anniversary of this historic event was observed in a pastoral conference at MacNutt, Sask., from July 3 to 8 and with a mass celebration at Yorkton on July 6. Christ Congregation of MacNutt and Immanuel Congregation of Landestreu were joint hosts to about 70 pastors.

The pastors of the Alberta-British Columbia District, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, were invited to share the joy of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District. The two Districts have much in common. The college at Edmonton, Alta., as well as the Sunday-school-by-mail and the Canadian Lutheran broadcast, continue as an intimate bond between them, though the distances which separate the two Districts are tremendous. Several of the pastors traveled two days and two nights on the train to attend the conference at MacNutt.

Under the chairmanship of Pastors Borchardt and Klewer the conference carried out a very worth-while program. Much time was devoted to a discussion of Romans 16:17, 18. Pastor P. Wiegner discussed "The Call," with special reference to frequent changes in pastorates. The Rev. H. Huth gave the Scriptural background of "Legalism." The Rev. H. A. Mayer, Assistant Secretary of Missions, lectured on "The Pastor, an Evangelist."

On Sunday, July 6, a mass service was held at Yorkton, Sask., to commemorate the Centennial of Synod and especially to observe the 25th anniversary of the organization of the District. Early on Sunday morning the roads leading to Yorkton were already crowded with cars. The people from MacNutt and from the neighboring congregations, Landestreu, Zora, Hoffenthal, Beresina, Stornoway, Langenburg, etc., had to travel fifty miles and more to get to Yorkton. About 2,500 attended the services, which were held in the grandstand of the Yorkton exhibition grounds.

The Rev. W. A. Poehler, president of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., preached the sermon in the morning, and President Arnold H. Grumm from the neighboring State of North Dakota preached in the afternoon. This latter service was broadcast over the local radio station.

Work in Canada dates back to 1890, when Pastor H. Brauer of St. Thomas,

The Choir at Soldier Field, Chicago, July 27. Director, Gerhard Schroth

Chief of Chaplains of the Navy Rear Admiral N. Thomas Addressing the Chicago Convention
before conferring scrolls of citation to the Missouri Synod on its outstanding religious service during the war. Seated on the platform are, from left: Dr. J. W. Behnken, Dr. Paul C. Dannenfeldt, chairman of the Army and Navy Commission

N. Dak., visited scattered Lutheran immigrants in the Langenburg, Hoffenthal, and Beresina districts. The first resident pastor was the Rev. H. F. Buegel, who came to Winnipeg in the fall of 1891. Immigration of large numbers of Lutherans from Europe, principally from Russia, Roumania, and Austria, caused the work to expand very rapidly. When the District was organized, it consisted of 43 pastors, serving 75 congregations and 69 preaching stations, with 5,213 communicants. It raised the total sum of $32,482 in that year. The District has grown to 14,114 souls and almost 9,000 communicants. Last year the sum of $196,405 was raised for all church purposes.

The progress of the District has not been as rapid as it might have been, owing to the many vacancies. The manpower shortage is felt very keenly in this District. There are eight vacant parishes right now. Some of these parishes have been vacant from one to four years. The situation is all the more serious when one considers that these vacant parishes comprise some 40 congregations and preaching stations. Neighboring pastors who are already overworked in their own large parishes can at best hold only an occasional service for these vacant parishes. Much thought was given to a solution of this problem.

As in the years following the first World War, Canada is again very favorably inclined to accept European immigrants for its large undeveloped rural areas. Our brethren are in close touch with the Canadian government and hope to direct such immigrants into areas where we already have congregations. This will greatly strengthen our Church in this great sister country to the north.

H. A. MAYER
Assistant Secretary of Missions

From a Pocket Notebook

The mailman finds you on the seventeenth floor of the Palmer House and delivers a message from Salt Lake City signed Harry Buelow which bears on one side of the envelope the gold, black, and red Centennial stamp of the Missouri Synod and on the other the U. S. three-cent Mormon centennial stamp. . . . We also received a letter from Father Augustine of Stephan, S. Dak., asking us for a contribution to Immaculate Conception School. Zero in promotion. . . . Also a correction from Dr. A. C. Piepkorn, who informs us that Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Herman H. Heuer, U. S. A., referred to on page 227 in one of our editorials, is not stationed in the Office of the Chief Chaplains, but is Brigade Chaplain at Heidelberg. The only chaplain of our Synod on duty in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains is Chaplain (Col.) Martin C. Poch, U. S. A., Chief, Planning and Training Group. . . . Col. Poch was one of the aides of the Army Chief of Chaplains, Major General Miller, at the Convention. With him was Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wm. J. Reiss. Sept. 1 the six-foot chaplain leaves for Japan as Division Chaplain of the 11th Airborne Division. . . . The addresses made by the two Chiefs of Chaplains after the close of the Memorial Service were eloquent in their tribute to the work done by our chaplains not only in the field and on the sea, but also in the training of United States chaplains and in the direction of their work. . . . The Arrangement Committee for the Convention overlooked no detail. On the Saturday before the celebration in Soldier Field every delegate received a large printed sign with the lettering "Official Car," and on the back of it the route from the Loop to Soldier Field. . . . Worried observation of a delegate while the slates for the election of the Board of Appeals were being discussed: "All the brains are concentrated east of the Mississippi." . . . Report circulated in the halls that Rev. S. Becker had declined the call to River Forest and that Pastor O. E. Sohn of Flint, Mich., had accepted the call to St. Louis. . . . Also received at the editorial office at the Palmer House was a note from Pastor A. Kirchhoefer to this effect: "I fully agree with your idea (L. W., p. 230) of not suggesting a larger or more frequent (weekly) edition of the L. W. Each issue contains so much good readable matter that two weeks is just O. K." . . . Fred Waring, popular radio star and musician, featured the Missouri Synod Centennial when he appeared on the air July 24. . . . The congregational singing at the opening service at Orchestra Hall was something to be remembered. Also the raising of the pitch by Organist Bruening, preceding the fourth and again the fifth stanza of the hymn after Dr. Brunn's eloquent sermon. What mastery of counterpoint and technique it revealed, and what a jubilant effect it added to the singing! . . . The conventions of the Missouri Synod since 1938 have been very emotional. Each session after the meeting in Chicago had its moment of dramatic suspense. Delegates will long remember the acceptance speech of

Synod's War Dead Honored at Chicago Convention
Following presentation of a citation to the Missouri Synod for services rendered in the war, Army Chief of Chaplains Major General Luther D. Miller (right) confers with Chaplain William J. Reiss and Chaplain Martin C. Poch, his aides for the occasion

Dr. Behnken, the beautiful words of welcome spoken by the Governor of Illinois, the march of the delegates down Soldier Field, and the addresses made by Dr. Petersen of Berlin and President Hasse of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. . . . The following, received during the first week at Chicago, has a familiar ring: "Housing shortage in the mountain city of Baguio is very acute and therefore it is not likely that the missionaries will find accommodations there this year. We are just as much thrilled here over the Centennial celebration of Synod." It was a note from Missionary Carino at Manila. . . . Those who were present at the Convention will understand why the special type given the resolution offered by Attorney Carl Thrun of Detroit after the committee report on Lutheran Union had been adopted. It originally read that we "express our sincere desire that true Scriptural unity with the American Lutheran Church may be achieved and that we humbly pray God for His guidance and blessing in this matter." Immediately a layman asked: "Why not include the United Lutheran Church?" And another, given the floor, added the amendment: "And other Lutheran bodies," whereupon the entire motion was given a ringing vote of approval. Then, in that moment, this visitor to many conventions and reader of endless articles and books on Lutheran union felt more than an ardent wish, felt a hope of the realization of Dr. Walther's prayers for the union of all greater Lutheran bodies into The Lutheran Church of America. . . . The LUTHERAN WITNESS said in 1914 editorially: "Our Lutheran Church in America is woefully divided. This division greatly hinders our work and impedes our progress. We admit that the differences are real and not imaginary. And yet we hope that they are not of such a nature that they cannot be adjusted. Would it not be a grand achievement if in 1917 we could present to the world a united Lutheran Church in America with nearly three million members? Would that not be an honor to the Lutheran Church? Would it not be a joy to every Lutheran heart? Let us pray and labor for a united Lutheran Church in America!"

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Go and Tell

Hear, ye who know the saving truth,
Whom Jesus taught with patient care;
And ye, invited by the Lord,
To feast on heaven's richest fare,
Who walk the narrow way to life
And see the lost, the dupes of hell,
Hear, ye, the challenge of the Lord:
Gird up your loins, and GO AND TELL!

Tell of the cross where Jesus died.
Tell of the Savior's matchless love.
Tell of the wounding barbs of sin
And healing balm sent from above.
Say to the hardened soul: "Repent,
Escape a fate grim, fierce, and fell!"
The trembling lead to Jesus' feet.
Gird up your loins, and GO AND TELL!

Because you know the joys of faith,
Because you hear the Master's voice,
Because you love His blood-bought souls,
Because you are the Master's choice,
Because you're won to win the lost,
Because there's joy in doing well,
Because you know what men need most:
Gird up your loins, and GO AND TELL!

New Orleans M. W. H. HOLLS

Uncle Joe's Corner

"My boy, we were speaking of the importance of noting the examples of failures of covetous persons. There is the example of Napoleon the First. He wanted not only money, but lands, honors, power, and a son to follow him upon the throne. But he lost everything: his wife left him, his only son died, and he himself perished miserably as a prisoner."

"Uncle, what you say reminds me of that Cardinal Wolsey who tried so hard to gain highest honors and wealth by pleasing King Henry and at the same time pleasing the Pope. But after he had lost all, he cried out: 'Farewell! a long farewell, to all my greatness! This is the state of man: today he puts forth the tender leaves of hopes; tomorrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the third day comes a frost, a killing frost, and, when he thinks, good easy man, full surely his greatness is a-ripening, nips his root, and then he falls, as I do.'"

"Yes, and do not forget Judas, who coveted the thirty pieces of silver, but gained so little peace and happiness from this silver that he went and hanged himself. All which ought to impress upon us those precious words: 'Be content with such things as ye have; for He has said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'"

"Uncle, I was impressed by a sermon which our pastor preached lately on the Parable of the Rich Fool, who thought that he had attained all his wishes and that his soul could be well content forever because he had 'much goods laid up.'"

"Charlie, that is indeed a very impressive parable of our Lord. However, right here we must be upon our guard against imagining that this parable is especially important for others, especially for the rich, whereas each of us is guilty of this very sin against which the Lord speaks this parable, namely, covetousness."

"If my observation is reliable, I think that jealousy and envy are very closely related to covetousness."

"Your observation is entirely correct, my boy. The Germans have a word that shows this connection. They speak of 'Brotneid.' The dictionary translates this word by 'professional jealousy.' People who are in the same profession, trade, or business are especially tempted by this sin."

"Uncle, what is the best way of overcoming this jealousy? I notice that even in school we are frequently assaulted by these sins of jealousy and envy, and, if you wish to call it so, 'professional jealousy.'"

"God in His Word has given us the antidotes for this malady. In the first place, our faith in God as our heavenly Father, who provides for us day by day, should give us peace and contentment. In this connection it is well to remember that when you were most helpless, as an infant, God saw to it that the very love of your parents provided for you, protected you, and led you safely. He is willing to do that during the rest of your life."

"However, Uncle, at school I have often heard this thought expressed: 'God helps them that help themselves.' Even some of our teachers repeat that."

"My boy, that is also one of those unfortunate expressions which, to a certain extent, are due to the difficulty of the language. The men who quote this proverb, if you wish to call it such, may not mean that we are not to trust God, but help ourselves. They may mean that our faith and confidence in God's help is not to paralyze us or make us lazy."

"After all, Uncle, is not the desire to make a living, as people call it, that which drives most of us to work, scheme, and strive?"

"Yes, in our sinful condition and in our sinful flesh we have the same strivings which we see in the Gentiles, of whom Jesus tells us that their great questions are continually: 'What shall we eat? what shall we drink? wherewithall shall we be clothed?' Therefore we Christians must frequently remind ourselves that our heavenly Father knows that we have need of all these things. He will provide them. But at the same time we Christians know that God wants us to labor in His service. The Scripture expressly tell us that 'if any would not work, neither should he eat.'

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Erwin W. Jahn. After an illness of five months, and seemingly again on the road to recovery, the Rev. Erwin W. Jahn's condition suddenly became critical on June 7, and he died five days later at the age of 52 years, 11 months, and 23 days. His earthly remains were laid to rest on the 17th of June at Haven, Kans. At the funeral service held in Trinity at Edwardsville, Ill., on Sunday, June 15, an overflowing congregation paid their last tribute to their pastor, who had shepherded them through the past twenty-eight years. Because the service at Edwardsville, Ill., had to be scheduled early on Sunday afternoon, many pastors found it impossible to attend; nevertheless, about 35 pastors did come to honor the memory of their departed brother, whose faithful service as member of various boards of the District and as the District Secretary they will long remember. The Rev. O. Rothe, an intimate friend of the departed, delivered the sermon, using as his text Job 1:21: "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." The officiating clergymen at the service in Haven, Kans., were the Rev. K. J. Karstensen, who delivered the sermon on 1 Thess. 4:17-18; the Rev. L. H. Deffner, in charge of the altar service; and the Rev. Geo. Kettner, who read the committal.

The departed was born in What Cheer, Iowa, the son of W. A. Jahn and Bertha, nee Neumann, on June 19, 1894. After his confirmation he prepared for the holy ministry. He was graduated from St. John's College in Winfield, Kans., in 1915 and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1918. He accepted the call as assistant professor at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill., and while there was ordained and installed as assistant pastor of Immanuel Congregation in Chicago. In August of 1919 he accepted the call to Trinity of Edwardsville, Ill., which congregation he served until his death.

He is survived by his widow, one son, three daughters, and two sisters. "The memory of the just is blessed."

A. J. WEBER

The Rev. H. Christoph W. Lehmberg (d. June 26, 1947) was born at Winkelhausen, Hannover, Germany, on Aug. 13, 1864. He came to America in 1881 and worked on a farm and later in a store at Arcadia, Iowa. His parents, Christoph and Christine Lehmberg, two brothers, and two sisters followed him to America in 1885. At the age of twenty-six he entered Concordia Seminary at Springfield to prepare himself for the ministry. Upon graduation in 1895 he was sent to Napoleon, Ohio, to assist Pastor W. L. Fischer in his congregations at Flatrock and Freedom. Later in the same year he accepted a call to McClure, Ohio, being ordained and installed on the third Sunday in Advent. In 1897 he accepted a call to Cecil, Paulding County, Ohio, where he served until 1901. From 1901 to 1906 he was pastor of St. Paul's Church at Denham, Ind., and from 1906 to 1922 of St. John's Church at Wanatah, Ind. Retiring from the active ministry in 1922, he moved with his family to Fort Wayne, Ind.

In 1897 he was joined in wedlock with Maria Bohling of Henry County, Ohio. This union was blessed with two children, Dr. Otto Lehmberg of Columbia City, Ind., and Miss Clara Lehmberg, laboratory and X-ray technician, of Bakersfield, Calif. After his wife's death in 1935 he made his home with his daughter, moving to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1936, to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1938, and to Bakersfield in 1941, where he died.

Funeral services were held at Bakersfield in the afternoon of June 26, Rev. R. J. Jagels, pastor of St. John's Church, preaching the sermon.

Interment followed on June 30 in Fort Wayne, Ind., where his former pastor, the Rev. Fred Wambsganss, conducted the service in the Wellman Funeral Home. Six brother pastors carried his mortal remains to their last resting place in Concordia Cemetery.

R. J. JAGELS

The Rev. Hermann Schmidt (d. July 4, 1947), the oldest active minister of the Texas District, who served in the Lord's vineyard 49 years, was born in Serbin, Lee County, Tex., Dec. 6, 1875. He was the oldest son of George and Hanna Krause Schmidt.

He graduated at Springfield June 27, 1898. He served as pastor of Sealy, Pattison, and Cat Spring, Tex., two years; Galesburg and Brimfield, Ill., eight years; Dexter, Iowa, fourteen years (while there he organized and served Trinity Congregation at Des Moines, Iowa); and at Serbin, Tex., 25 years, since June, 1922. While at Serbin, he also served the Smithville, Tex., congregation.

In Iowa he served for a number of years as Visitor of the Council Bluffs Conference Circuit. He was chairman of the Texas District Board of Christian Education from 1927 to 1936 and for many years was editor of the Texas *Distriktsbote*. He was chairman of the Post Oak Conference at the time of his departure.

He suffered a stroke on June 18, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his inaugural sermon at Serbin. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Caroline Mennicke Schmidt, and is survived by his second wife, Maria Brammer Schmidt. He is also survived by eight children, five of his first union, and three of the latter. His son Carl T. Schmidt is director of Field Work at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Funeral services were held at Serbin July 8. The Rev. Oliver Harms, Vice-President of the Texas District, of Houston, Tex., and Rev. A. F. Michalk of Riesel, Tex., officiated at the church, Rev. P. C. Eifert of Warda, Tex., at the home, and Rev. E. R. Rathgeber at the committal service at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Serbin, Tex.

A. BLASIG

The Rev. Henry August Inselmann was born at Undeloh, Hanover, Germany, on June 3, 1873, the son of Peter Inselmann and Katherine, nee Garbers, where he was also baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. In the year 1887 he emigrated with his parents to America, settling in Platte County, Nebr. In the fall of 1890 he entered Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., later transferring to Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Ill., from which he graduated in the year 1897. During his pastorate he served the following charges: Trinity Lutheran at Sidney, Nebr., where he was ordained and installed, and Lodgepole and Big Springs, Nebr., Salem Lutheran at Elwood, Salem Lutheran at Blue Hill, and Immanuel Lutheran, all in Nebraska. Retiring from the active ministry in 1940, he moved to Columbus, Nebr., where he resided until 1944, when he moved to Fremont, Nebr., where he assisted the pastor of Trinity Lutheran at Communion services, with sick calls, and in other ways. On Jan. 4, 1903, he was united in marriage to Louise Brauer of Lincoln, Nebr. He passed away quietly and unexpectedly in his sleep during the night between the ninth and tenth of July at the age of 74 years, one month, and seven days, being survived by his aged widow, two sons, one the Rev. H. C. Inselmann of Venango, Nebr., and three daughters. His funeral was conducted on July 14 at Fremont, in which his pastor, the Rev. V. W. Hoffmann, preached the sermon on 2 Tim. 4:7-8. The undersigned had charge of the liturgical service.

J. H. GERDES

The Rev. Edward Dewald, em. (died July 16, 1947), born on June 10, 1879, in the Heilbronn community near Freeman, S. Dak., in 1901 entered our Concordia at Springfield, and graduated in 1907 after two years of vicarage in Michigan and Tripp, S. Dak. His ministry, which was to run its entire course within the State boundaries of South Dakota, began when he assumed the pastorate of the rural congregation southwest of Armour as the first resident pastor. He also served Corsica, Platte, and Geddes at this time. For five years he taught school in Armour. A nervous breakdown terminated this ministry; and, after a rest, he reentered the work as temporary pastor and teacher at Heilbronn. In 1915 he began his work in St. Martin's Congregation at Alexandria. During his 17-year ministry here he also began mission work at Emery and organized St. John's Congregation there. In 1932 he took up his duties in the Gregory-Dixon-Lucas-Iona parish. In 1941 this field was divided, and he accepted, in addition to the care of the Dixon and Iona flocks, the congregation near Reliance and the mission in Reliance. A new measure of poor health, his cross throughout a valiant ministry, forced his reluctant retirement last October. Since that time he had made his home in Mitchell, S. Dak.

The blessed departed is survived by his faithful wife, Katharine, nee Blum, two daughters, four sons, two sisters, and two brothers; one of them also a pastor, John, of Dimock, S. Dak. Services were conducted in Freeman, S. Dak., with the Rev. J. R. Sheppard conducting the family service and preaching the German address. The undersigned preached the English sermon and read the committal.

JOHN E. LUTZE

Teacher Frank A. Kiekhaefer (d. March 29, 1947) was born at Wayside, Wis., March 8, 1880. In 1894 he entered our Teachers' Seminary at Addison, Ill., graduating in June, 1900. His first and only teaching position was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco, Nebr. After 40 years of faithful and uninterrupted service he resigned because of illness and retired to a farm near Renwick, Iowa, whence the Lord called him home.

In 1904 he married Miss Helen Hartmann of Beecher, Ill., who, together with four sons, one daughter, eleven grandchildren, survive him. One son, Erwin, is teacher at Williamsburg, Iowa. Memorial services were conducted in St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco, Nebr., April 2, 1947. The undersigned officiated.

G. H. KOSLOWSKE

Teacher Henry Louis Persson, born in Darmstadt, Ill., on Feb. 25, 1877, a son of Carl and Marguerite Twenhafel Persson, was called to eternal rest on June 13, 1947, at the age of 70 years, 3 months, and 17 days.

He was a teacher at Zion Lutheran School, Carlinville, Ill., from 1928 to 1933. After his retirement as teacher he served the congregation for 14 years as organist and sexton.

Mr. Persson began his teaching career, after graduating from our Teacher's College at Addison, at a colored mission school in North Carolina. Later he taught at Concordia Lutheran School in Granite City, Ill.; Bethlehem Lutheran School in St. Louis, Mo.; and St. Mark's Lutheran School in Steeleville, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; two sons, four daughters, and two grandchildren.

His mortal remains were laid to rest in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Carlinville, Ill., on Monday, June 16, 1947.

LUTHER P. J. STEINER

Teacher Louis Detgen, retired from the active teaching profession, was born in Hamburg, Germany, on April 11, 1870. At the age of eight, together with his parents, brothers, and sisters, he immigrated to America. After graduating from the Addison Teachers' College he accepted a call to the Lutheran church in Roselle, Ill. Later he served schools at Bremen, Kans., Fairmont, Okla., and Frohna, Mo. After teaching for thirty years he resigned.

His wife and four children preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his departure two sons, one of whom, Clarence, is a teacher, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

His mortal remains were committed to God's acre at Steeleville, Ill., to await the resurrection morn.

WALTER J. HOFFMANN

DEATH NOTICE

The Rev. Charles Julius Krahnke of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandotte, Mich., died July 5 and was laid to rest at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Cemetery July 8.

WALTER A. PIEPER

New Publications

Persons and Events. Reminiscences of Ludwig Ernest Fuerbringer. Continuation of *Eighty Eventful Years.* Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 274 pages. $2.50, postpaid; dozen copies, @ $2.00, plus postage.

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Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Installed:

Barth, Karl, in First Lutheran Congregation, New Orleans, La., by G. A. Schmidt, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Broeske, Donald D., in St. John's Congregation, Natoma, Kans., by R. H. Raedeke, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Cress, Clyde, ordained in Zion Church, Mason, Mo., by Victor H. Grimm, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8, and installed in Christ Congregation, O'Neill, and in Immanuel Congregation, Atkinson, Nebr., by P. J. Wirth, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Gade, Dwain, in Armada, Mich., for the Armada-Washington Parish by L. Heinecke, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 27.

Gross, Richard E., in St. Paul's Congregation, Fillmore, N. Y., by A. Puscheck, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Harms, Robert, in Trinity Congregation, Lebanon, Mo., by E. H. Koerber, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Kreutz, Victor E., in Calvary Congregation, Milton, Oreg., by Elmer E. Streufert, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 13.

Scheelk, Leo, in Trinity Congregation, Reliance, in Immanuel Congregation, Iona, and in Trinity Congregation, Dixon, S. Dak., by E. Nieting, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Schwan, Paul, in Margo, Sask., Can., for Margo Parish by C. Wirth, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Strohschein, Marcus T., in Trinity Congregation, Morgan, and in Immanuel Congregation, Rader, Mo., by Oscar Hellwege, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug 3.

Vincent, Arthur, in Berea Congregation, Alton, Ill., by Paul Juergensen, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Vogel, Theodore H., in Calvary Congregation, Wheatland, and in Trinity Congregation, Amenia, N. Dak., by L. A. Dierks, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

PASTORS

Hofman, Martin F., in Gladstone, Nebr., for the Gladstone-Gilead Parish by O. R. Heinitz, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Meyer, Arthur W., in Bethesda Congregation, Hot Springs, S. Dak., by Frank E. Wilke, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Prohl, Russell C., in Redeemer Congregation, Seymour, Ind., by Wm. H. Eifert, Quasim. Sun., April 13.

Scheck, E. W., in Bethlehem Congregation, Lewiston, Mich., by Louis A. Linn, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 27.

Schmidt, Theodore, in Zion Congregation, Jansen, Nebr., by L. E. Vogel, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Schrader, C. W., in Bethlehem Congregation, Garrison, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Douglas, N. Dak., by A. A. Schmidtke, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Spitz, C. Thomas, Jr., in St. John's Congregation, Marengo, Iowa, by Raymond W. Fechner, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 13.

Commissioned:

Prange, Rudolph, in First Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Ark., as missionary in the Philippine Islands by R. G. Lange, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

TEACHERS

Installed:

Ansorge, Herman, in Immanuel Congregation, Wentzville, Mo., by A. Miessler, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Bauer, Raymond, in St. Paul's Congregation, New Boston, Mich., by W. L. Gienapp, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 27.

Buls, Alfred (Cand.), in Trinity Congregation, Athens, Wis., by R. Malotky, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Eggert, Elmer W., in St. John's Congregation, Long Beach, Calif., by H. A. Fisher, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 27.

Isenberg, Orville T., in Holy Cross Congregation, Collinsville, Ill., by Theo. H. Roschke, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

Kirch, Martin P., in Zion Congregation, Maywood, Calif., by R. G. Finke, July 18.

Sohn, Robert, in Immanuel Congregation, Memphis, Tenn., by Everett G. Grese, 9. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 3.

Wieting, H. J., in Zion Congregation, Staplehurst, Nebr., by F. Bangert, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 20.

DEACONESS

Commissioned:

Ziemke, Rose, in First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., as missionary in India by O. H. Schmidt, June 26.

Educational Institutions

Concordia College and Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind., begins with a chapel service Sept. 3 at 9:15 A. M. (C. D. S. T.). Dormitory students should not arrive before Tuesday.

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Additional information is found in the school catalog, which will be mailed upon request. — HERBERT G. BREDEMEIER, *President,* Concordia College, Fort Wayne 4, Ind.

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Pastor William Schoenow, Richville, Mich., has been appointed Visitor of the Frankenmuth Circuit in place of Pastor Otto Sohn, who has accepted a call as professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. — A. ZEILE, Pres. Michigan District.

Saginaw, Mich., Aug. 12, 1947.

Pastor H. C. Loesel of McCook, Nebr., has been appointed Visitor of Circuit XII in place of Pastor W. H. Wendling, who has accepted a call into another circuit. — I. C. HEINICKE, Pres. Southern Nebraska District.

Seward, Nebr., Aug. 12, 1947.

Election Results

At its annual convention held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Ill., on July 23 and 24 the Lutheran Academy for Scholarship elected the following officers: President, Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann; Secretary, Dr. Frances H. Ellis; Treasurer, Dr. Frank B. Miller. — C. W. MUHLENBRUCH.

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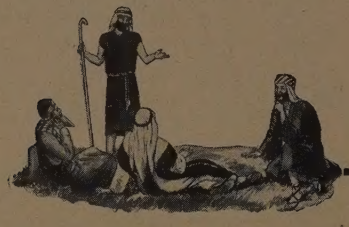

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